

Jobs, Education, & Training (JET)

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Helping Low Income Families Attain Self-Sufficiency

- 1 million Michigan residents live in poverty
- 239,778 receive cash assistance (88,472 families)
- 50,367 have been on cash assistance for four years or longer (13,356 families with 36,831 children)
- *Profile of long term recipients*
 - 97% are single parents with children
 - 15% have disabilities or caring for a family member with disabilities
 - 21% are working and receiving wages
- Current cash grant is \$489 for a family of 3

Impetus for Change

- Parents lack the skill & education required for employment in high-wage, high-demand industries.
- Wages are insufficient to lift families out of poverty.
- Increasing number of children in poverty.
- Re-applications for FIP are common.
- Re-referrals to Work First are frequent and costly.
- Little attention to parents with disabilities.
- State policy is not producing the results needed to meet federal standards for work participation in the TANF reauthorization.

Impetus for Change

- 50% of those sent through Work First program return to cash assistance
- Nearly 60% of long term cash assistance recipients sent to Work First return to cash assistance.
 - 30% of these cases return within 3 months
 - 60% of these cases return within 6 months

A New Vision and Approach

- A new approach—
 - not a return to the open-ended training and education programs that were offered prior to welfare reform
 - not a continuation of the Work First model
- Policies and strategies designed to meet family and community needs through
 - Strong community planning/partnerships
 - Screening and assessment for strengths and barriers
 - Individualized single self-sufficiency plans for families
 - Wider range of activities and education/training opportunities
 - MRS consultation and services for parents with disabilities

Jobs, Education and Training

Goals

- Reduce child poverty
- Increase participation in work-related activities
- Reduce FIP Caseload
 - Short-term family support
 - Reduce recycling/return to FIP
- Increase FIP Case Closures
 - Through better service planning
 - Through sustained employment
 - Through fair and consistent application of penalties
- Increase participant Skills/Credentials
 - Tie basic skill development to job skill training
 - Obtain credentials required by employers
- Increase in Participant Wages over time

2006 JET pilot sites

The following sites began in April 2006:

- Kent County
- Sanilac County
- Oakland County (Madison Heights)
- Wayne County (Glendale/Trumbull)

(Serve 10% of TANF population)

2007 JET Sites

These sites began in January 2007

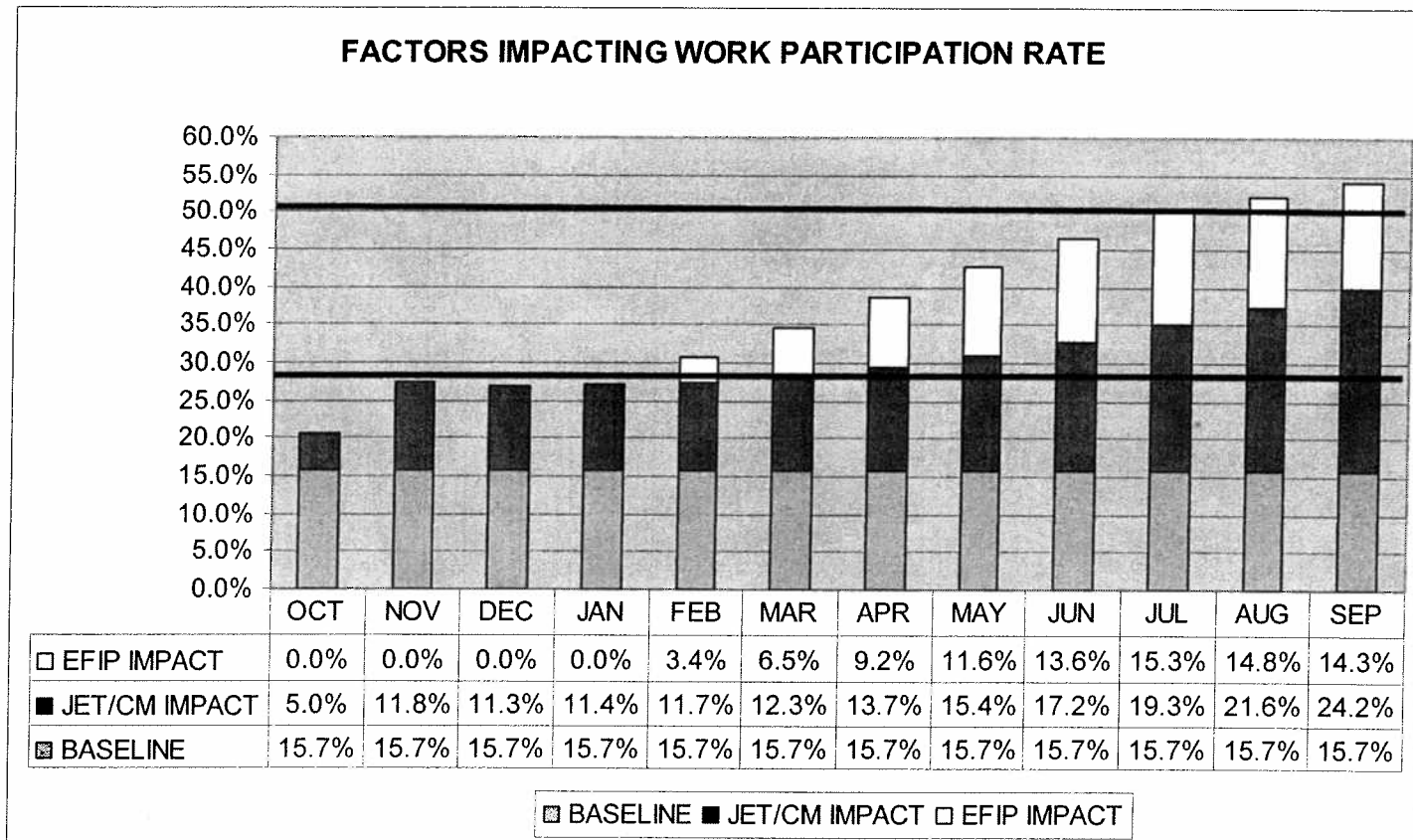
- Antrim
- Benzie
- Berrien
- Clinton
- Eaton
- Genesee (All districts)
- Grand Traverse
- Ingham
- Kalkaska
- Macomb (All districts)
(Serve 50% of TANF population
- Manistee
- Muskegon
- Oakland - Walled Lake
- Oakland - Pontiac
- Saginaw
- Washtenaw
- Wayne - Medbury
- Wayne - Forest/Ellery
- Wayne - Gratiot/7 Mile
- Wayne - Hamtramck
combined with the original sites.)

JET and WORK PARTICIPATION

- Federal Target of 50%
- Michigan Adjusted target for FY06 = 0%
- Michigan Adjusted target for FY07 = 27.7%
- Participation baseline of 15.7%
- Goal 1 - Annual rate of no less than 30%
- Goal 2 – Monthly rate of no less than 50% by September 2007
- Statewide Rate through Nov 06 = 24.2%
- JET site rate through Nov 06 = 30.8%

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- Quarterly targets – 24%, 30%, 38%, 50%
- Projected monthly rates for FY07

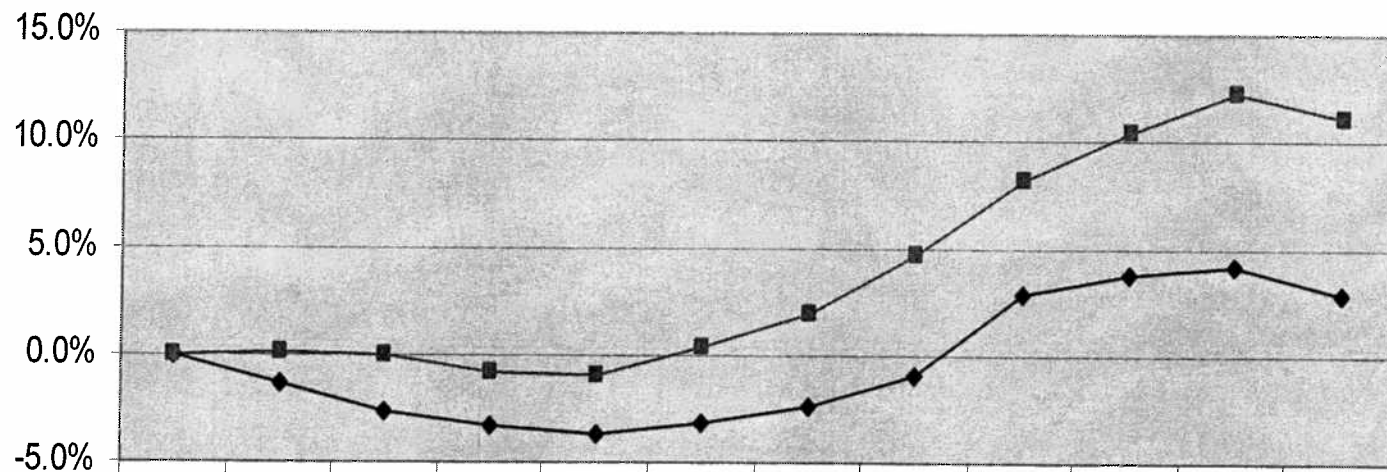


JOB EDUCATION AND TRAINING (JET)

- Expanded to 19 counties and 29 sites
- Serves 50% of FIP clients
- Higher rate of FIP closures in 4 original sites
- Lower caseload growth in original sites
- In 2006, JET sites experienced a 3% increase in FIP caseload compared to an 11% increase in the remainder of the state
- 6.6% higher participation rate in JET sites

JET/Non-JET Caseloads

JET vs. Non-JET Caseload Trend for 2006



	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.
—◆— JET TOTAL	0.0%	-1.3%	-2.6%	-3.3%	-3.7%	-3.1%	-2.4%	-1.0%	2.8%	3.7%	4.2%	2.8%
—■— Non-JET TOTAL	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.9%	-0.9%	0.4%	1.9%	4.6%	8.2%	10.4%	12.2%	11.1%

—◆— JET TOTAL —■— Non-JET TOTAL

JET/Non-JET Participation Rates

